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If Mr. Bryan conceals that new idea he learned in Europe much longer he will forget it before the convention opens.

George Fred Williams confesses that if we went to war with Colombia he would be inclined to join the Colombian army. Well, the quality of frankness is something, even in a Copperhead.

annoyed and grieved when he heard that the mine workers' convention in this city laughed at the idea of public ownership of coal mines.

The Bryanites and the Hearstites will, it is said, unite in demanding government ownership of railroads. So it is socialism that the Olneyites, the Clevelandites and the Parkerites will have to fight.

A Berlin telegram states that Germany is discovered that France has declined to give Russia any armed aid, should a war between Russia and Japan lead to interference by Great Britain. So much for treaties!

The London Daily Mail is responsible for the following alarming statement: "Before returning to America yesterday Mr. Bryan purchased a number of Irish shillelahs.' There will be something doing at that St. Louis convention, after all.

Russia is deeply offended because the United States made a treaty with China without first getting the permission of the Czar. Why, pray? Cannot this country make treaties without asking permission from any power on earth?

part of Japan and Russia to stir up trouble | lism it could have escaped Bryanism. in the far East just at the time when the United States is anxious to test the efficiency of the new Pacific cable as a quick information from the scene of

Servian throne, and Peter can-

Is it really Panama that Senator Morgan proposes to annex? Why, the people had a vague notion all along that Morgan thought Panama should be given back to Colombia, and that it was not a good place for a canal, anyhow, Is it possible that the senator meant Nicaragua, and not Panama?

It is said that the country is losing a large number of its commissioned officers of the militia because they cannot afford the outlay required to outfit themselves. true, the army is getting altogether too gaudy. Lack of wealth should man from serving his country.

Japanese are yellow, but they are frankly hope of profiting by the support of the yellow, while in the opinion of most people Democrats and anti-imperialists. There the Russians have a broad, yellow streak | were about 60,000 American soldiers in the which they are trying to hide. Take your islands, and they were kept busy for nearly not this answer the question "what shall

There is an alarming report to the effect that 3,000,000 rounds of ammunition recently purchased by the War Department have been found defective. And just when Colombia is meditating an invasion, too, If hears this news, we may expect to hear the sound of heavy firing off Mole St. Nicholas almost any dark night now.

A local minister said, Sunday night, "It io have a wire fence at the edge ipice than a magnificent hospital at the bottom of it." And that is only a longer way of saying that an ounce of preworth a pound of cure; and that are open and asbestos curtains work are better than popular subscriptions and managerial explanations after the accident has happened.

to notify property holders that the side- the people everywhere are co-operating walks must be kept clean of snow. Indian- with the government.

a cross-roads town with every snowfall. A city ordinance requires that the sidewalks be kept clear of snow, and a little prodding such as Mayor Holtzman has given the householders will doubtless bring the desired result.

### MR. BRYAN AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

From Mr. Bryan's recent utterances and actions it is evident he intends to do his utmost to prevent the nomination by the Democratic party for President of any person who did not vote for him in 1896 and 1900. This includes the sound-money Democrats who voted for Palmer and Buckner, as well as those who voted for McKinley. Mr. Bryan's test of Democracy is exactly the opposite of that of the sound-money Democrats of 1896 and 1900. They maintain that they were keepers of the faith and true Democrats because they stood by the ancient landmarks and refused to run off after strange gods and vicious heresies, ..\$1.00 while Bryan charges them with having betrayed the faith and forfelted the right to No subscription taken for less than three be called Democrats because they did not support him on the Populistic platform of

In an interview in the New York World of Saturday Mr. Bryan refused to say whether or not he would lead a bolt it the national convention should reject his demand for the reaffirmation of the Kansas City platform. To a direct question this paper must, in order to receive attention, be on this point he answered with evident signs of irritation: "You had better ask that question of those who are trying to Entered as second-class matter at Indianapolis, drag the party back to where it was between 1892 and 1896. A presumption rests against them. No man who supported the ticket in 1896 and 1900 will ask me such a CHICAGO-Palmer House. Auditorium Annex question, and no one who did not support it has any business to ask it. Ask the reorganizers what they will do if they are outnumbered at St. Louis."

By dragging the Democratic party back o where it was between 1892 and 1896 Mr. Bryan meant that Grover Cleveland had been the ruin of the party and that his second administration was the lowest depth the party had ever reached. As a matter of fact, if the party had stood by Mr. Cleveland it would, whether victorious in 1896 or not, have landed on the safe and solid ground of Jacksonian Democracy instead of in the bog of Bryanism and Populism, where it has been floundering for the last eight years. If it had had sense enough to stand by a consistent and courageous leader like Mr. Cleveland it would at least have saved its honor and its organization, and might possibly have won in 1896. Instead of that, the Chicago convention rejected a sound financial plank by 626 to 303, rejected a resolution indorsing the Cleveland administration with yell of derision by a vote of 564 to 357, and adopted a free-silver Populistic platform by 628 to 301. So completely had Populism permeated the party and prepared the way They say that David Bennett Hill was for the stampeding of the convention by

Bryan's "crown of thorns" speech. For eight years past the Democratic party has been paying the penalty of deserting its principles and dallying with Populism. The people have shown that they know how to deal with Bryanism, and if a Bryan man should be nominated at St. Louis he will be defeated as Bryan has been twice. Bryan cannot force himself can force himself on the Democratic party and probably dictate the action of its has he has been the party's organizer of defeat, and it is evident he does not propose to re linquish his occupation. In the World in terview he said: "I believe the convention is certain to reaffirm the Kansas City platform. I am confident that when the convention meets the reaffirmation sentiment will be largely in the majority.'

For this millstone around its neck, this Nemesis that is making it pay the penalty largely responsible. If it had stood by Grover Cleveland during his last administration, when he had a howling repudiation Congress on his hands, instead of de-At any rate, it is very friendly on the shape now. If it had not embraced Popu-

## GOV. TAFT ON THE PHILIPPINES.

Former Governor Taft, who has just returned to the United States, after nearly four years' service as civil governor of the King Peter of Servia evinces a desire to tions there. He was not an original expanget off his throne before it slips out from sionist, but he believed that, having acquired the islands, the United States should give the people the best government possible. He resigned the office of United States not be blamed for wanting a more comfort- Circuit Judge to go to the Philippines, and was doubtless actuated by a high sense of duty and desire to assist in carrying out the policy of President McKinley, who ap-

When Governor Taft went to the Philippines, in the spring of 1900, the war was still going on and military government prevailed almost everywhere. Aguinaldo and other Filipino leaders were carrying on guerrilla warfare, and the prospect for early pacification of the islands was not good. It was in June of that year that the Filipino leaders plotted an uprising against the authorities in Manila, a general massacre of Americans and of natives friendly to the government, and the seizure of arms and ammunition to equip the insurgent Some Russian sympathizers condemn the forces. Aguinaldo and the other leaders that in three months the baseball season which the white nations are who still held out were watching the trend showing for "a yellow race." True, the of public opinion in this country in the a year after Governor Taft's arrival there. Aguinaldo was not captured until in March.

During the last two years the work of pacification and of extending civil government has progressed rapidly. Governor Taft says that conditions in the islands are better than ever before, and he doubts if greater tranquillity ever prevailed there. He thinks an era of railroad building is about to begin, and says every island in the group can support a railroad running for fifty miles along the coast. The census | before they leave the grounds. will be published in October next, and on that date, provided the country is tranquil, as at present, the government will authorize the election of a legislative assembly of not fewer than fifty or more than 100 members. There are about 1,900 schools in the Islands, with more than 200,-000 pupils enrolled, and employing 2,650 na-Mayor Holtzman is to be commended for | tive teachers and nearly 800 American. The action in instructing patrolmen friar lands question has been settled and

are prepared yet for self-government. He says they certainly are not in a condition to govern themselves at present, and to make a prediction on the subject would be looking too far into the future. He evidently thinks the present duty of the United States is to give the islands the best government possible and assist in training and preparing the people for self-government, leaving future problems for future solution. His testimony shows that the United States has accomplished a great work in the Philippines, and that it still

has a great work in hand. Mayor McClellan, of New York, delivered an address before a city club a few nights ago in which he frankly avowed himself a partisan and said: "As such I feel that I have been placed in office, not to serve the interest of my party, except as the party may derive benefit by the good administration of the city's affairs." That is good doctrine, but how can it be carried out by an official who owes his election to Tammany? By the way, President Hayes expressed the same idea more tersely when he said, "he serves his party best who serves his country best."

Col. Arthur Lynch, the only political prisoner in England, has been liberated on parole after one year's imprisonment. This was predicted at the time of his sentence. He was first condemned to death; then his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. Thus was the dignity of the English law upheld. The death penalty satisfied the imperialists; the release quiets the Irish and the "little Englanders." Britain would hardly have dared to execute Colonel Lynch.

Commenting on Mr. Bryan's insistence that the Democratic national convention shall reaffirm the Kansas City platform, Colonel Breckinridge, of Kentucky, says in the Lexington Herald that "if Mr. Bryan succeeds in controlling the convention and in forcing it to adopt such a platform and nominate such a ticket the canvass will be practically over on the day of nomination.

John D. Rockefeller attributes his good ter than a hearty meal consumed in haste.' time might not be able to get the four

Germany is likely to have serious trouble dealing with semi-barbarous tribes, and her trained soldiers will not adapt themselves readily to savage warfare.

A dispatch from Columbia, Mo., says that the head of the department of horticulture in Missouri University claims to have discovered a new method of growing mushpotatoes. After several years of experimenting he says he has discovered that new mushroom heads. The alleged discovery will doubtless prove a mushroom one in a double sense. . Mushrooms are the fruiting body of a fungus whose roots run through the soil like slender white threads. The mushroom propagates itself, when it matures, by dropping a fine inky substance on rooms is by planting the "spawn" or thready substance matted in soil, when, if the conditions are favorable, it will gerraised from "the tissue of mushroom heads" is about as if one should claim that apples can be raised from the peeling or walnuts

a thing which has never been done in the | was a horsefly."-Minneapolts Tribune. metropolis. And the street car companies give this amusing excuse for not complying "Only empty cars are cold; our cars are people, the heat from their bodies makes of its folly, the Democratic party is itself | the cars very comfortable. If we put in a sophistries ever voiced by a selfish cor-

The London Lancet has come to the rescue of the slandered plum pudding. English physicians have recently spoken and written against this time-honored institution, saying that it was indigestible, unwholesome and non-nutritious. The Lanplum pudding will still occupy the place of intelligent.-Detroit Tribune. honor at English Christmas dinners.

Archduke Ferdinand, of Austria, will forget his love affairs in foreign travel, having been persuaded by noble and influential relatives to give up his dream of happiness. Youthful royalty often makes the mistake of considering itself human-which it is not. It is an artificial, barbaric, cruel anomaly constituted for its own suffering, the annovance of the world and the amusement of the angels. Poor Fraulein Czuber!

A music writer named Houlihan went mad ecause he could not write a popular song, and began to bite people. It is very sad, but, after all, perhaps it was just a question of his going mad himself or driving his friends mad with his songs. "Hiawatha" and "Bedelia" are constant reminders that success is often worse than failure.

As you turn up your collar over your ears | not a sauce, -Philadelphia Ledger. and stamp the snow from your benumbed feet, remember that the sugar trees will be tapped in a week or two; that in two months the crocus will be in bloom, and

into politics. Hurrah for politics! Does we do with our historical novelists?" Students of the University of Missouri have petitioned for less to eat. This would

furnish food for discussion were it not ob-

vious that the University of Missouri is

Winston Churchill is writing a new his-

trying to get ahead of the University of Chicago in doing something queer. The St. Louis exposition is to have a

Harvard University had a deficit of \$40,000 | below where I have written my name. last year. But oil does not flow in the dipresident has not learned the secret of extracting millions from them that own the

Says the man on the corner, "Gee whizz! The weather man's sure doin' biz. It snows and it blows, and my toes is near froze-if this here ain't winter, what is?"

A Massachusetts paper announces that a

the disease-most people would prefer the

"Why ought a wife obey her husband?" asks Felix Adler. And thus Felix gives the secret away that his name is a pseudonym

Members of the diplomatic corps have been officially notified to wear their uniforms at White House receptions. Why is such notification necessary?

and that he is a woman writer, after all.

## THE HUMORISTS.

### Correct.

The kindergarten teacher had counted up to ten. "What comes next?" she asked. "What "The jack," piped a shrill voice from the last

seat.-Philadelphia Record. Familiarity. "So you're from Buffalo? Do you know the limpletons? I think they live on Delaware ave-

Scientific Relief. The famous old woman who lived in a shoe, And had so many children she didn't know what to do. Attended, along with quite a few others Similarly troubled, a Congress of Mothers,

And heard such a number of papers there read,

That when she got home her children were dead.

-Life.

Disappointment. "I hope," said the ducal bridegroom, anxjously, as he boarded the Cunarder with his American bride, "that your diamonds are safe "My dear," replied she, "I am not the first of our family to marry into the British nobility.

### Never Satisfied.

at home in papa's vault."-Town Topics.

"My husband," complains the wife, "is so Puritanical! He does not believe in theaters, dancing, card-playing, clubs, or any of the modern forms of amusement." "Indeed?" murmurs the confidant. "But (soothingly) you should remember that you took him for better or worse."

### better it would be if he were worse."-Judge. A Wrong Dingnosis.

The Officious Passenger-Excuse me, sir; but to settle for us. Now, I appeal to you, as a

and covered with a thin spreading of hay, fixed up by an honest and long-suffering agriculturist for the express purpose of fooling just such fools as I am-that's what makes me look so

## A BATCH OF LITTLE STORIES.

### Chose the Wrong School.

"There were two sisters living up in my State," cooms that may make them as cheap as other to homeopathy. One day there was great excitement in the family of the lady who be-Well,' she said, 'now you see what's happened wanted you to have an allopathic doctor.

Miss Deacon's Suggestion. Miss Gladys Deacon, an American girl, amazed The people of New York are trying to get | ied its note. The note resembled the neighing of the street car companies to heat the cars- a horse." "Perhaps," said the young girl, "it

## An Incorrigible Dog.

warm." This is one of the most ingenious | for snake bites. He had some of the medicine on in quantities to suit. Opening the dog's jaws he turned a liberal dose down him. Two or gate he was back among the bogs again watch. are talking about, and that settles it. The | ing for more snakes. This is why he seems un-

Asserting Justice. Judge Somerville, of the board of United Judge Gray decided one of the earliest customs to whether it really was a sauce, and by the time the issue reached the dignified Supreme Court the decisions either way were voluminous enough to confuse the most clear-headed jurist. Judge Gray examined the article, but could not make up his mind. His colleagues were equally undecided. When things came to a standstill it occurred to Judge Gray that a housewife would probably be better qualified to decide a matter of this kind. He took a sample of the article home to Mrs. Gray. said, and the next day the Supreme Court of the

"Nonsense, that's no sauce; it's fish!" she United States solemnly decided the article was

A Benutiful Nerve. The out-of-town merchant owed the Kansas City house \$200 for goods purchased the month previous. The bill was due and a letter was written requesting payment. A letter came back saying that the writer was somewhat short of cash, and requesting an extension of ninety days on the bill. The Kansas City merchant wrote another letter saying that he must insist on the payment of his bill and suggested that if the customer was "hard up" the local bank would undoubtedly accommodate him with a loan of \$200, so that the bill might be paid.

issued in Missouri. The letter follows: day and noted. I was much pleased with your | book of Modern Japan." suggestion about borrowing money from the bank here. In fact, I was so pleased that this morning I went to the bank and asked for a had considerable business together, I inclose to be able to. If I stop coffee, I can't work."

rection of Massachusetts, and Harvard's \$200 instead of \$200, the amount of your bill. You people ask me that question in the course of a thought as long as you and I are going to pay | would inconvenience you in your work. Just get | largest balances-that is, the sum of actual your bill, we might as well borrow enough to out of doors often enough so that you can stand money that the banks must exchange pay the other fellows at the same time."-Kan- your coffee and your tobacco. Then you'll be through the clearing house, to clear up their

## A Fiscal Parret.

A London editor, weary of the favorite slogan there is no reason why its residence streets | been made in pacifying the islands, yet | in the basement to a man who is learning to | will cost you more," would receive £25. Hun- | -Pittsburg Gazette.

should be allowed to look like those of Governor Taft does not think the people | play the clarionet. The cure is worse than dreds of pollies were put into training and scores of them appeared in St. James's Hall to show how well they could voice the free fooders' contention. There was plenty of swearing and shricking, and the winner was a gray African, and when he said his "Your food will cost you flection, his judgment greatly impressed both his feathered and unfeathered auditors, except one hen parrot, which angrily shouted back.

You're a Har!") Presumably this indignant dissenter was a Chamberlain bird.-Newspaperdom.

### SCIENCE AND INVENTION.

### The Unexplainable Compass.

Among those provinces of nature which seen to us as especially designed for the use man, none is more striking than the seeming | chairmanship under discussion. magnetism of the earth. What would our civwhat generation since his time our continent would have been discovered is doubtful. The fact that the earth acts like a magnet, that the needle points to the north, has been gener-"Oh, yes. Our youngest boy was run over by ally known to navigators for nearly a thoutheir automobile last summer."-Chicago Recordsand years, and is said to have been known yet, to-day, if any professor of physical science in Harper's Magazine.

### Life in Liquid Air.

Macfayden, director of the Jenner Institute in London, has found that some of these microscopic plants will resume activity after immersion in liquid air for six months. Evidently life under conditions of this sort is potentia rather than actual and exists only in virtue of the possibility of its revival. Matter that lives thus while frozen must be, Dr. Macfadyen thinks, "in a new and hitherto unobtained they have not taken up the question of My aunt married a duke. My diamonds are safe furnishes us with an absolutely perfect case a few days and will then not only announce of "suspended animation." It is evidently no longer possible to maintain that the low temperature of space would have prevented the arrival of living germs with cosmic dust, which was suggested by Heimholz, the great German physicist, and others, as a possible way in which life may have been introduced on the earth.-Success.

The Science of Light. "I know; and I can't help thinking how much ered by accident. Wilson, a scientific experi- decided to talk less and work more. They menter, believed that nearly all metallic oxides could be reduced to a metaliic state by heating candidate of the administration forces as voltaic arc in the presence of free carbon. Alum- anti-machine candidate, the platform upon am a darned fool of an automobilist, who tried He therefore mixed a quantity of quicklime to run over an ox cart loaded with jagged rocks | with pulverized coke, and brought the mixture threw them at each other. One piece fell into a pail of water, and produced a bubbling effect | said last night that his people would make and a strong odor. This attracted Mr. Wilson's attention, and upon investigation he found | paign expenses on the condition that he it was pure acetylene gas .- Sir Hiram Maxim, C. E., M. E., in Harper's Weekly.

### Science Brevities.

Eminent engineers assert that levees raise the

bed of a stream and so are impracticable as a permanent mastery of watercourses The Smithsonian Institution's expert, F. W. Crosby, examined the meteor which fell but the largest ever found in the United States.

It weighs between ten and twenty tons.

Nearly every one has heard of the petrified Museum at Washington, has been exploring, is hardly known, though it is believed to be at least equal in extent. The northern forests have, cruiously enough, turned to opal instead

of agate by the action of the elements. A supply of energy, particular elements,

In a recent address before the Aeronautical tion, "does Bell want it?"

The range of temperature suited to terresmanently, if subjected to a temperature near the freezing point; while the highest that most | men really close to him do not want to take | Only the spores of certain bacteria can survive | and unqualifiedly allied with them, for there general temperature of the earth's surface rose or fell forty degrees (a small amount relatively), the whole source of life would be changed, even perchance to extinction.

Japan's National Song. Few Europeans have learned to detect and enjoy the subtle beauty of Japanese poetry. Fewer still, perhaps, are acquainted with the delicate hearts of the Briton's "God Save the King." or the American's "My Country, 'tis of Thee." It is sung to a native air, the custom being to sing the poem through thrice, and when thus it is often truly impressive. The poem itself is very old, being found in the "Manyoshiu." which dates from about the middle of the eighth century, and its author is unknown. As originally composed it was not addressed to the peror who had gone into retirement. Now, howsovereign. The poem consists of the usual number of thirty-one syllables, and runs as follows:

Kimi ga yo wa Chiyo ni yachiyo ni Sazare ishi no tweet to partie

Koke no musu made So far as we are aware only two English translations have been published. One of these is by Viscount Fukuba, and, closely following the original, reads as follows;

"May our sovereign live for thousands and ten thousands of years, until the tiny pebble be-"Dear Sir: Your letter of Dec. 26 came to- comes a moss-covered rock."-From "A Hand-

## Expert Advice on Health.

"Doctor," said a New York gentleman to his so many digits. 'creche," at which women visiting the loan. I was told that it would be necessary to family physician not long since, "I find I am get another signature on the note besides my using too much coffee, and maybe just a little | Sept. 30, 1903, were, in round numbers, \$74,- | credits must be equal, because the sum total babies for the day. They will be obliged to own. Now. I don't care to ask any one down too much tobacco. What do you advise me to 150,000,000. The average daily transactions agree, however, to call and get the babies here to indorse for me, but as you and I have do? I want to stop these habits, but don't seem all right,"-Field and Stream.

## A Competent Judge.

The Hon. W. J. Bryan declares that the Kanof the opponents of Mr. Chamberlain, organized | sas City platform is sound in every plank. And a fiscal parrot competition in which the parrot | it must be admitted that Mr. Bryan ought to spolis is a great and beautiful city, and This shows that wonderful progress has good way to get rid of rats is to let a room | which could most impressively say, "Your food | know a great deal about sound by this time.

# THE DRIFT OF POLITICS

more," after five minutes' profound fiscal re- Democratic county committee will be dence that such an assessment was made, a chines and getting them in good running while they protested that they had met by chance and that there was "nothing doing," it is known that they had the county

The Taggart machine is in excellent condemonstrated that the machine of the wily boss was in first-class order, and certain it is that it never worked more effectively. Such cannot be said of the Keach machine. This machine, which worked so successto the Chinese at a yet earlier period. And fully last winter and in the Democratic primaries last summer, was badly damaged is asked to explain the magnetic property of in the fight for the district chairmanship the earth, he will acknowledge his inability to and had to be sent to the repair shops do so to his own satisfaction.-Simon Newcomb, immediately after the head-end collision with the Taggart machine. The rebuilding of the machine was started at once, however, and as the inventor and operator, James Leroy Keach, is a person of re-In recent experiments on bacteria Dr. Allan | source, it is to be expected that it will be in fair order by the time the county fight is well under way.

The managers of both factions are keep-

at present, are denying, in fact, that they have even begun to think of prospective candidates. The Taggart people say that 'third' condition," between life and death and a candidate, but that they will do so in their candidate but name the man who will be the next county chairman. Their confidence, since their overwhelming victory in the re-election of Fanning to the | confer it upon him. H. C. Starr, of Richdistrict chairmanship, is unbounded. The Keach and Holtzman crowd will not talk at all on the subject and Keach will not even declare that he will defeat any man Taggart may put up, but that is taken merely as an indication that they learned Cheap commercial acetylene gas was discov- a lesson in the district fight and have quarters yesterday. He says he has not will have a candidate, but they will attempt to disguise the fact that he is the much as possible and will run him as an which Keach was elected city chairman last winter. Charles Polster wants to be county chairman-he wanted to be district chairman too, it will be recalled-but Keach has again said him nay, and this time has laid | election as one of the delegates to the Redown his ultimatum before Polster has publican National convention from the talked with his followers or announced his | Fourth district. candidacy. Some of the faction have hinted that Keach ought to make the race himself for county chairman, but the "potato king" has promptly silenced all talk of that He is not likely to do the thing that the Taggart people are most anxious he should do. One of the Taggart crowd | are in the city, guests at the English, a liberal donation towards Keach's camwould be a candidate for county chair-

Hiram Brown, former president of the Indiana Democratic Club, is being mentioned as the probable candidate of the Keach-Holtzman faction, and it is learned on reliable authority that he is being seriously considered. His strong points, according to the administration people, is that he has not been prominently identified with either faction, has few enemies, has not taken a sufficiently active part in politics to make him a marked man and would be altogether at the command of the crowd | made two years ago when they permitted that elected him. In other words, Keach is casting about for a man who would be a good candidaate and a mere figurehead after his election. City Attorney Henry Warrum has also been spoken of as a pos- with the situation there doubts that they sibility, as has Evans Woollen. Warrum, however, is too closely allied with the adso readily raised against Woollen.

Several men are under consideration by the leaders in the Taggart camp. A few days ago it was virtually determined that J. A. Mahoney, of the Thirteenth ward, should be the candidate for county chairman and a man was sent to "feel him out." Mahoney, however, is not ambitious to become the head of the county organization, and he politely but firmly declined to make the race, at the same time pledging his support to anyone the Taggart people might name. John Christian, Charles B. Clarke and Elliott Hooten are now being considered and it is possible, although hardy probable, that one of them may be seected to head the fight. The question is going the rounds among the Taggart faithmay exist under their conditions for aught we ful, "why not make Joe Bell county chairman?," and the only answer that has been | sip is rife as to the intentions of two or vouchasfed up to date is a counter-ques-

one of the most active workers in the Tag-

gart camp, having taken an especially active part in the recent district contest, and | that Senator Walter L. Ball, of Muncie, is in every respect "eligible," but it is intimated that he has other things in view. To be more specific, it is said that Mr. Bell would like to be the Democratic candidate for Congress this year. He has not taken even his closest friends into his con fidence on that point, but in talking politics from time to time he has let drop several remarks that indicate an unusual interest in the congressional proposition. However, pressure may be brought to bear on Bell to make him take the chair- friends that so far as he was concerned manship. Mr. Taggart and the four or five tion get away from them. They will not elect a man chairman who is not absolutely are some men who might be with them this, year and against them in the next fight. Consequently, they would like nothing better than to have Beil, who has been tried and found not wanting, at the head of the county machinery. If he insists that he will not take it, and, instead, claims the congressional nomination as his reward for faithful service, then it is not at all improbable that W. W. Spencer, the present chairman, will be made a candidate for reelection. Spencer had said positively that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself, and it is conceded that he does not want to be, but his loyalty to the local Tammany is such that he will serve if drafted. On the whole, the indications are that if Joseph E. Bell is not made the Taggart candidate for county chairman, W. W. Spencer will be called upon to make the

story has been set in circulation to the ef- held Feb. 25 at Fort Wayne, and it is said fect that the administration forces assessed | that John W. Tyndall, of Decatur, who will all the city employes for the fund to pay the expenses of the campaign to elect Wal- and elected, Mr. Tyndali will succeed the lace Maines district chairman. Men in the strenuous S. B. Fleming, of Ft. Wayne.

## LARGE MONEY TRANSACTIONS.

# Where the Sum of \$244,000,000

Franklin Matthews, in Harper's Weekly. It is through the medium of this great inistence more than \$1,600.000,000,000 of debts been settled. The figures stagger the imagination, and really mean little more than own owes the others. Each cierk foots up

The total transactions of the year ending were \$244,000,000. The largest transactions | the banks: of any one day of the year were \$492,000,000

The contest for the chairmanship of the other faction say they have positive evilevy of approximately 10 per cent. on the opened this week. Candidates may not be mouthly saturies of the city employes. A announced, but the work of oiling the ma- | few of the employes who were known to be openly in sympothy with Taggart and Fanning were not assessed, but the others order will be begun at once. Last evening | were, and the matter leaked out through a Thomas Taggart, Joseph T. Fanning, the man in a minor position, who rebelled district chairman, Joseph E. Bell and W. against giving up \$5 out of his month's sal-The Taggart people make no W. Spencer, the present county chairman, pretense of denying that city employes held a conference at the Grand Hotel, and | were called upon for donations to the campaign funds when they were in control of the administration, but they claim that it is an altogether unusual proceeding to assess the employes for a fund to be used in a primary fight.

James F. Stutesman, of Peru, who is undization have been if the mariner's compass dition and will require little attention be- derstood to be an applicant for the aphad never been known? That Columbus could | fore the county fight is taken up. In the | pointment as solicitor for the State Departnever have crossed the Atlantic is certain; in contest for the district chairmanship it is ment in event of Judge Penfield's resignation, was at the Columbia Club last night.

4 4 4 A. C. Alexander, assistant secretary of the world's fair commission, who spent Sunday at his home in Marion, said last evening that the recent mention of Major George W. Steele as a gubernatorial possibility is arousing much comment in the

Eleventh district. The mention of Major Steele's name in that connection, coming as it has from outside the district, has naturally set the Republicans of Grant county to talking," said Mr. Alexander. "It has been the general belief there that Major Steele will be a candidate for the congressional nomination, but Grant county Republicans are for him for anything he wants. I have not talked with the major myself and do not know whether he is paying any attention to the gossip, but I am inclined to ing their plans very much to themselves | believe that he has his eyes set on the congressional toga.

> John J. Wingate, editor of the Shelbyville. Republican, is being mentioned as a candidate for delegate to the national convention from the Sixth district. Mr. Wingate says that he is not a candidate, except in a receptive sense. He will not seek the preferment if there are other candidates. but would appreciate the honor if the Republicans of the district should see fit to mond, and Frank T. Roots, of Connersville, are also being spoken of in this con-

> Chairman James P. Goodrich, of the Republican state committee, was at headdecided when he will go to Washington.

4 2 2 George T. Dinwiddie, of Frankfort, was at the Columbia Club yesterday

Jacob M. Bauer, of Lawrenceburg, one of the prominent manufacturers of Southern Indiana, announces his candidacy for the

L. C. Reeves, of Columbus, was at the Columbia Club yesterday,

+ + + C. D. Newlin and E. N. Hill, of Carthage, + + 1

It is announced that Elam H. Neal, of Jonesboro, chairman of the Eleventh district Republican committee, will call a meeting of the chairmen of the county committees within a few days to decide on the time and place for holding the congressional convention. An early convention is generally favored, it is said.

The Republicans of Marion are beginning to gird up their loins preparatory to a fight to redeem the bad record they the Democrats to elect a mayor of that city, which had always been Republican by a good, safe majority. No one acquainted will be able to do this and the Democrats ministration, an objection that cannot be | are not manifesting any enthusiasm over the approaching municipal campaign. John Kiley, whom the Democrats succeeded in electing two years ago, declares that he has had enough of office and will not be a candidate again, even with the assurance that he would be defeated at the polls, and there is a noticeable lack of aspirants for the Democratic nomination. On the other hand there are several candidates for the Republican nomination, an evidence of the lively interest the Republicans are taking in the campaign. Among those who aspire to the mayorality are Z. R. Sanders, one of the old-line Republicans of Grant county, who served in both the Mexican and civil wars; David Weesner, at present township trustee, and Gus S. Condo, a representative

of the younger element of the party. More attention is being paid to the race the gubernatorial contest, by those interested in Republican State politics, and gosthree men who are figuring on entering the lists against L. P. Newby, of Knightstown. Mr. Bell served as country chairman in | It is understood that Hugh Th. Miller, of the campaign of 1898, has for years been Columbus, will definitely announce his decision some time this week and in event he concludes to be a candidate it is thought Frank B. Shutts, of Aurora, and perhaps one or two others will follow the lead of

the man from Bartholomew.

+++ Apropos of the lieutenant governorship, it is learned that an effort was made a few days since to persuade Will A. Hough, of the Sixth district would have but one canplace on the State licket -Mr. Newby, of Henry county. Of course there is a story back of this. The new legislative apportionment act places Henry and Hancock counties in a joint senatorial district. Henry, as the largest county, can control the nomination, but many of the Hancock county Republicans took the position that the nomination should be given to their county and they were disposed to be insistent. However, the Republicans of Henry county put an end to the hopes of their neighbors by deciding at their recent convention that the Henry delegation in the joint senatorial convention should be voted as a unit for the candidate from that county who received the largest number of votes in the primary. Then it was that in a spirit of retaliation it was proposed that Henry county's candidate for lieutenant governor should be given opposition from a Hancock county man and Mr. Hough was mentioned as a possible candi-

+ + + The Democratic joint senatorial conven-As the opening gun in the county fight, a | tion of Allen and Adams counties will be be the Adams county candidate, will be nominated by acclamation. If nominated

bank in the city. It would require a large

company of men to go from any one bank to

all the other banks, presenting claims and

settling them. Hundreds, if not thousands,

Changes Hands Daily.

on Jan. 3, 1963. The smallest transactions bother of carting a lot of money around

through the clearing house from one bank Now, how does a clearing house do its due in the aggregate. When the payments

of men would be occupied with the work. It would be almost physically impossible to clean up the banking transactions of the community each day. The clearing house is the place where the messenger of each bank says to the clerk of every other bank, "You owe us so much money, and here are the stitution that in the fifty years of its ex- checks of yours that we cashed yesterday," and he hands them over e clerk of each bank knows what each of the business world, as recorded in bank- of the other banks owes his institution being transactions in New York city, have ! fore the clearings begin. When the messengers of the banks have delivered to him the claims of the other banks he knows what his

> of what is owed must be the sum total of what is due, and the clearing house says to "All right; don't go to the trouble and lown in paying one another off. banks that own the others money send it here before 1:00 o. m. When it is all here then we'll pay it out to those to whom I

> what the other banks owe his and what his

bank owes the others, and it goes down on

the clearing house books. The debits and

notes or certificates that you can get. The daily transactions of the Clearing House, therefore, consists of two functions the first of exchanging the checks that the banks hold against one another and of asdebts to one another, occurred on Jan. 31, certaining how much balance each bank is 1903, when nearly \$25,000,000 in cash passed to pay or receive from each other bank, these balances being assumed by the Clearing House and, second, of paying or recelving actual cash for what is owed or are made every cent that has come to the work? Every bank in its daily business ac- Clearing House is paid out and the cash cumulates checks on practically every other | drawer is bare until the next day,